HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44 By Johnson R

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert "Bobby" Grimes of Loudon.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert "Bobby" Grimes, notable Loudon businessman; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Grimes was an exemplary public servant and accomplished business professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Grimes served with acumen and alacrity as owner of Grimes

Construction, which he established in 1969; he had also worked diligently as a founding board

member with First Central Bank of Loudon since 1991, and he was a Past District Governor of

The Ruritan Smoky Mountain District; and

WHEREAS, The CEO and the President of First Central Bank have said of Mr. Grimes: "[Bobby was] a tremendous asset to the bank's growth and development. He will be sorely missed by all of us at First Central"; and

WHEREAS, A deeply spiritual man, Bobby Grimes was an active and devout member of the Blairland Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ever the devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Bobby always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Grimes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Evelyn Lindsey Grimes and is also survived by his children, Roger and his wife Stephanie Grimes, Melissa and her husband Bill Shirk, Rebecca and her husband Rodney Webb, his grandchildren, Melinda and Emily Grimes and Lindsey and Adam Webb, his sisters, Leslie "Anna Sue" Sparks and Johnnie Louise Hill, special family friend, Michelle Hughes, and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Grimes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, achievement, and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, astute businessman, and compassionate human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Robert "Bobby" Grimes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his unparalleled business sense, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Grimes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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